



**LOS ANGELES COUNTY ARTS COMMISSION
MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF APRIL 27, 2015**



The meeting of April 27, 2015 was held at 10:00 a.m. at the Los Angeles County Arts Commission at 1055 Wilshire Boulevard, Suite 800, Los Angeles, CA 90017.

Present: Pamela Bright-Moon
Alis Clausen Odenthal
Eric Hanks
Helen Hernandez
Constance Jolcuvar
Richard Montoya
Claire Peeps
Araceli Ruano
Hope Warschaw
Rosalind Wyman

Absent: Betty Haagen
Bettina Korek
Peter Lesnik
Claudia Margolis

Staff Present: Laura Zucker, Executive Director
Miriam Gonzalez, Executive Assistant
Anji Gaspar-Milanovic, Director of Grants and Professional Development
Talia Gibas, Professional Development Programs Manager

President Peeps called the meeting to order at 10:07 a.m.

Absentee Excuses

Roll was taken and on a motion by Commissioner Clausen Odenthal, seconded by Commissioner Hernandez, the excused absences for the meeting of April 27, 2015 were unanimously approved.

Approval of Minutes

On a motion by Commissioner Bright-Moon, seconded by Commissioner Hanks, the minutes for the meeting of April 13, 2015 were unanimously approved.

Correspondence

None.

President's Items

President Peeps welcomed Commissioner Warschaw, who was reappointed to the Arts Commission by Supervisor Mark Ridley-Thomas.

Executive Director's Report

Laura Zucker reported that during the budget deliberations the Board of Supervisors approved a motion to support an additional \$500K in funding for the Community Impact Grants Program for three years. Commissioners Hernandez, Bright-Moon, Jolcuvar, and Lesnik, who volunteered to serve on an Ad Hoc Committee to develop guidelines and the application for this program will be contacted to schedule a meeting. Additionally, Commissioner Clausen Odenthal will join the committee as the Fifth district representative.

OGP Panel Presentations

President Peeps welcomed panel representatives and thanked them for their time in reviewing the Organizational Grants Program applications for FY 2015-16.

Anji Gaspar-Milanovic, Director of Grants and Professional Development, gave an overview of the panel comments binder and Talia Gibas, Professional Development Programs Manager, assisted in introducing each of the following panel representatives to make presentations:

Arts Service
Marlon Fuentes
Marketing and Design Manager
The Center for Nonprofit Management

Media
Susan Linn Ferris
Senior Director, Internal Affairs
Outfest

Visual Arts
Joel Garcia
Program Manager
Self Help Graphics

Music Choral Opera
Rafael Cosio
Development Consultant

Music Instrumental
Sidney Hopson
Cultural Policy Analyst

Theatre I
Anita Dashiell-Sparks
Associate Professor of Theatre Practice
USC School of Dramatic Arts

Presenting + Traditional and Folk Art
Renee Bodie
Executive Director
Friends of Levitt Pavilion - Greater Los Angeles & Pasadena

Arts Education I
Yolanda Elizabeth D'Oyen
Founder
The A.R.T.S. Academy

Arts Education II
Ryan Rowles
Program Director
Education Through Music

Arts Education III
Lynnanne Hanson-Miller
Dancer and Teaching Artist

Multidisciplinary I
David Mack
Strategic Director
Heidi Duckler Dance Theatre

Multidisciplinary II
Elena Muslar
Program Assistant
Skirball Cultural Center

Each panelist reported on the findings of their respective panel and addressed questions by Commissioners. Additionally, due to absences by two panelists, Anji Gaspar-Milanovic, presented the summary panel notes for the Dance and Theatre II application categories.

Following discussion, Commissioners requested additional information for the following: Writer's Guild Foundation, Inland Pacific Ballet, Bilingual Foundation for the Arts, The Open Fist Theatre Company, Academy for New Musical Theatre, and Ruskin Group Theatre.

Commissioner Items

None.

Public Comment

None.

The Arts Commission meeting of April 27, 2015 was adjourned at 12:16 p.m. on motion by Commissioner Clausen Odenthal, seconded by Commissioner Ruano, and unanimously approved.